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DOE Awards Contract to Perform Environmental Impact Statement to Examine Cleanup on 290 Acres of Santa Susana Field Laboratory Area IV

Canoga Park, CA -- The Department of Energy (DOE) today awarded a task order to CDM of Chantilly, Virginia, to perform an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will examine cleanup options for the remediation of the 290-acre Area IV of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL). The DOE-leased Energy Technology Engineering Center (ETEC), located on 90 acres within SSFL Area IV, is where nuclear research was conducted until 1988. The task order has a value of \$8,885,607 with a three-year performance period.

The task order award to CDM is issued under DOE's Office of Environmental Management's (EM's) Nationwide Multiple Award Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Master Contract Task Order award process, which began in September 2007. Bidding was open to all EM IDIQ awardees, including large and small businesses.

DOE plans to issue the Notice of Intent in the spring of 2008, which will be followed by a public scoping period to assist in further defining the scope of the EIS. Specifically, the EIS will focus on environmental restoration activities for Area IV, including soil and groundwater remediation, and the decontamination and decommissioning or dismantlement of Government buildings and structures on the site.

The 2,850-acre SSFL, located in the hills between Chatsworth and Simi Valley, California, is owned by The Boeing Company and small portions by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. SSFL was developed as a remote site to test rocket engines and conduct nuclear research. The former Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), began conducting nuclear research in the 1950s on nuclear powered space vehicles and sodium coolant mediums at 10 small reactors at ETEC within Area IV. ETEC represents one-tenth of the entire SSFL site.

Additional information on ETEC is available at: http://doe.gov/etec/

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